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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 13, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7, 16, 17 and 19-21 (drawn to an intermediate and a product), for examination.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.